

safe and healthy. I had the pleasure of watching them grow up and become the men they are today.

I think we can all agree that a parent's worst nightmare is losing a child. Any parent that has to bury to their child deserves the time and dignity to cope with that grief—a hole in the heart that doesn't heal, but around which one must build anew and move forward however possible.

I hope that someday time to fully mourn a child is available for everyone in America, but at least my amendment to the FY 22 NDAA would guarantee paid bereavement leave for federal employees. This is an important step forward and I hope that we can show even more compassion in the future.

My second amendment would codify the Boots to Business program into law.

Boots to Business is an established, successful training program that has helped servicemembers transitioning into civilian life to start their own businesses. It has already trained more than 100,000 servicemembers on the essential skills of entrepreneurship and this amendment would ensure that many more can benefit from it.

My final amendment would have the Department of Defense create a U.S.-Israel Operations-Technology Working Group. This working group will enable further sharing of information vital to combating current and future threats and enhance our mutual security and the security of the Middle East as a whole.

I appreciate the inclusion of my three amendments in the FY 22 NDAA and support its passage.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 27, 2021

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, during Roll Call Vote Number 293 on H.R. 4350, the National Defense Authorization Act of 2022, I mistakenly recorded my vote as YEA when I should have voted NAY.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 27, 2021

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I was unexpectedly withheld. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 273, NAY on Roll Call No. 282, and NAY on Roll Call No. 287.

HONORING ANTHONY J. WONG

HON. DWIGHT EVANS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 27, 2021

Mr. EVANS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an influential and dedicated gentleman

from Philadelphia, Anthony J. Wong, a devoted public servant, and former Philadelphia Police Chief Inspector who died on September 8, 2021 at the age of 93.

Anthony J. Wong was born in Philadelphia on April 17, 1928 and was the only child of Chinese immigrants who owned a restaurant in Chinatown. After high school, he joined the Army and served in the World War II Occupation Forces in Europe. He also served in the Korean War. In the Army, he served in counterintelligence, as interrogator, a translator, and in the military police.

Inspector Wong dedicated his life and career to this country and to the city of Philadelphia. He joined the Philadelphia Police Department in 1953 after serving in the U.S. Army. At that time, he was the sole Chinese American officer on the force. He retired from the police force in 2003 as the highest-ranking officer of Asian American descent.

While in the Philadelphia Police Department, Mr. Wong served in several units, including in narcotics, vice enforcement, and patrol. He twice led the Training Bureau and commanded the Community Relations Division and the Patrol Bureau, which encompassed emergency planning. His last assignment was as Commanding Officer of the Police Training Bureau at the Police Academy.

Mr. Wong was well rounded and highly respected by many. A man with many talents, he spoke multiple languages. He attended the University of Vienna in Austria, the Fels Institute of Local and State Government at the University of Pennsylvania, and the Universal School of Languages and Translation Bureau.

Additionally, Mr. Wong was a college adjunct professor. He taught criminal justice, criminal investigation, and laws and procedures at the Community College of Philadelphia. He was fluent in German and used his skills to help Jewish concentration camp survivors who relocated to Philadelphia.

Furthermore, he was very active in his community. He was a founding member of the Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corp. (PCDC), which was founded in 1969 after the Chinatown community in Philadelphia began fighting plans to demolish Holy Redeemer Catholic Church and School to build the Vine Street Expressway. Although he was a police captain and could not partake in the street protests, he attended meetings and offered his expertise. He was also on the board of the On Lok House, an apartment building for low-income senior citizens. According to Cecilia Moy Yep, the PCDC founder, Mr. Wong was "very faithful to Chinatown. He was active in the meetings, particularly on the On Lok House. That was his baby."

As evidenced by his historic career Anthony J. Wong, dedicated his life to advocating and improving the lives of others. He was a model public servant. The 3rd Congressional District of Pennsylvania extends gratitude to Mr. Wong for his dedicated support and service to the Chinatown community and the city of Philadelphia. And offer sincere condolences to his family and friends on his passing.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GOOD HART GENERAL STORE

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 27, 2021

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the 50th Anniversary of the Good Hart General Store of Emmet County, Michigan. Through its five decades of service and steadfast devotion to its community, the General Store has become a local landmark and an indispensable part of Michigan's First District.

The General Store was first constructed in 1934 by local resident, Cliff Powers. Along with serving as a local Postmaster, Mr. Powers used his store as a grocer and gas station to bring needed supplies to his community. He would continue to operate his local business for almost 40 years until selling it to Carolyn Sutherland in 1971. She has successfully preserved the history and significance of the General Store ever since. While also managing the store, Ms. Sutherland leads Graham Real Estate in Good Hart where she has continuously worked to better the lives of her community and the State of Michigan.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize the Good Hart General Store for fifty years of success and service to Northern Michigan. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such dedicated citizens that help preserve our most treasured businesses and landmarks. On behalf of my constituents, I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

TADD OVERSTREET AND STYLUS AND CRATE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 27, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tadd Overstreet and Stylus & Crate of Wheat Ridge, Colorado for receiving the 2021 Wheat Ridge Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year Award.

The Wheat Ridge Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year Award is meant to recognize a Wheat Ridge Business for their outstanding performance in business during the past year. Stylus & Crate, a coffee shop in the heart of Wheat Ridge, greets visitors with fantastic art and music to match. With plenty of vinyl records to choose from, the local coffee shop always provides an uplifting and fun experience for its patrons. Additionally, Stylus & Crate prides itself on responsibly sourcing all of its coffee.

Congratulations to the Stylus & Crate team for their contributions to our community, particularly during a challenging year. I wish them all the best in the future.